

WHITE COUNTY BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2005

A regular meeting of the White County Board begun and holden this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2005 in the Courtroom of the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi.

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Wooten stated that he would like to have a moment of silence in memory of the victims of 9-1-1, the White County Board was in session the morning of 9-1-1 when the planes hit the twin towers and the Pentagon. Chairman Wooten stated that in our moment of silence we should also remember the many victims along the Gulf Coast who are suffering because of Hurricane Katrina.

Clerk Dozier called the roll with Nelson, Ray, Mitchell, Trout and Wooten all present.

Chairman Wooten asked the Board if they had received the minutes of the previous meeting and were there any additions, changes or deletions. Mr. Trout made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as proposed in writing. Motion seconded by Mitchell. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten asked for a motion to pay all current bills. Mr. Ray made a motion to pay all current bills, seconded by Mitchell. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that Sheriff Maier who was attending a meeting in Springfield had submitted his report in writing to the Board and that Jo Satterfield, Supervisor of Assessments was unable to attend because she was in training in Mt. Vernon. Chairman Wooten also stated that the Treasurer was unable to attend because the deadline for the first installment of taxes was September 15<sup>th</sup> and her office was very busy this morning.

Chairman Wooten stated that he had met with David Hammell, Director of the Emergency Services and Disaster Agency. Mr. Hammell discussed some possibility of grants and also about signing mutual aid agreements with surrounding counties. Chairman Wooten stated that flooding and tornadoes are always a possibility in this area, but we also live on the new Madrid fault and should always keep in our minds and in the disaster planning the possibility of a major earthquake. Chairman Wooten stated that an earthquake of any magnitude in this area could be devastating because of all the oil and gas pipelines and transmission lines. Chairman Wooten stated that as information becomes available for grants and consideration of mutual aid agreements between counties becomes a possibility it would be brought before the Board at a later date for consideration.

The next 9-1-1 meeting will be held on Monday September 19, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.

Chairman Wooten asked the Board to consider the resignation of John Ziegler from the Egyptian Health Department Board. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to accept John Ziegler's resignation, seconded by Nelson. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote. Mr. Wooten presented a plaque to Mr. Ziegler from the White County Board. Chairman Wooten stated that Mr. Ziegler had served on the Egyptian Health Department Board from 1986 to 2005. Chairman Wooten stated that White County would be losing a very valuable member of that Board. Ms. Angie Hampton presented a plaque to Mr. Ziegler from the Egyptian Health Department Board and staff. Ms. Hampton reiterated Chairman Wooten in saying what a valuable Board member Mr. Ziegler was and that the staff always felt he was accessible to them and their problems. Ms. Hampton stated that Mr. Ziegler would definitely be missed.

Chairman Wooten asked the Board to consider the appointment of Mike Ray to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of John Ziegler from the Egyptian Health Department Board for term that will expire on June 30, 2008. Mrs. Mitchell made the motion to appoint Mike Ray to the Egyptian Health Department Board, seconded by Trout. Motion passed 4-0-1 with Ray abstaining. Mr. Ray stated that he would like to thank John Ziegler for the many years that he had served on the Egyptian Health Department Board and the service that he has provided to the citizens of White County and the other counties involved with the health department. Mr. Ray stated that he thought he had mighty big shoes to fill in the replacing of John Ziegler, but that he would promise to the best job that he knew how to do for the citizens of White County and the other counties.

Mr. Charles Nolan, representative of the White County Soil and Water Conservation District thanked the Board for their continued support of the District and asked the Board for their annual contribution. Chairman Wooten stated that the White County Soil and Water Conservation District provided a valuable service to White County. The District with the slope and erosion planning and terracing actually helps the townships and highway department in the cleaning of ditches and also helps to prevent roadbeds from

flooding. Chairman Wooten stated that the \$2,500.00 contribution was built into the current budget. Mr. Trout made a motion to contribute \$2,500.00 to the White County Soil and Water Conservation District, seconded by Nelson. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten asked the Board to consider the reappointment of Dean Baker to the Randolph Drainage District # 1 for a term that will expire on September 2008. Mr. Ray made a motion to reappoint Dean Baker to the Randolph Drainage District, seconded by Nelson. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mrs. Ellen Pettijohn, Circuit Clerk presented the following resolution for consideration of the Board. Ms. Pettijohn explained that the jury list was now compiled on diskette by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts and mailed to the Circuit Clerk's. Ms. Pettijohn asked the Board if they remembered the days of the tumbler and sitting in a board meeting drawing the jurors from that tumbler? She stated that the resolution was an annual resolution and must be approved prior to using the diskette for selection of the jurors.

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 705, Section 305/2 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes provides that the County Board (except in those counties which have Jury Commissioners) shall select from the General Jury List of White County the persons to serve as petit jurors;

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of White County has adopted the Merged Jury Source List of all legal voters and Illinois driver's license holders in the County as prepared by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts to serve as the General Jury List of White County.

**WHEREAS**, the Judges of the Second Judicial Circuit have by joint action determined that the Resident Circuit Judge should specify the number of persons to serve as petit jurors;

**WHEREAS**, the Resident Circuit Judge has specified that 3,000 persons should be selected to serve as Petit Jurors with qualifications as provided in Section 305/2 of Chapter 705 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes;

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the County Board of White County to provide said number of persons for the Active Jury List by adopting the Active Jury List of White County as prepared by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts;

### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF WHITE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That pursuant to Chapter 705 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, that the County Board of White County, Illinois adopt the Active Jury List of White County as prepared by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts.
2. That pursuant to Chapter 705 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, that the County Board of White County, Illinois accepts the list for juror names in random order on the Active Jury List of White County as accomplished by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts.
3. That the names of the petit jury, grand jury, and coroners jury shall be used beginning this date from the said Active Jury List and in the event such names are drawn contemporaneously the order of the draw shall first be petit, the grand jury, and the coroner's jury.

**ADOPTED AT CARMI, ILLINOIS THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2005.**

Ron Wooten  
White County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Paula Dozier, White County Clerk

Mrs. Mitchell made the motion to adopt the jury source list resolution, seconded by Trout. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that Insurance Audit and Inspection the County's insurance consultants for liability and workman's compensation insurance had draw up bid specs to put out for bid the liability, auto liability, professional liability, inland marine and building and contents insurance up for bid. Chairman Wooten stated that the bids were due on November 15, 2005 and Insurance Audit inspection would furnish a recommendation and report to the Board on November 22, 2005. Mr. Wooten stated that it might be necessary to recess the November meeting until the latter part of the month to be able to consider the recommendations and incorporate those recommendations into the 2006 budget. Chairman Wooten stated that Guardian Dental Insurance has notified the county that the premium for dental would increase from \$22.60 a month for single member to \$28.25 with a \$25.00 deductible. A single member with a \$50.00 deductible would be \$24.88. Chairman Wooten stated that since the County did not contribute to the Dental insurance it would be necessary to poll the employees who chose to continue the coverage to see if they would like a \$25.00 deductible for \$50.00. Chairman Wooten asked the County Clerk's Office to handle polling those employees.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider the engagement letter between White County and Botsch and Associates in the amount of \$23,000.00. Mr. Ray asked how that compared with last years price and Mr. Wooten stated that last years audit cost \$20,000.00. Mr. Ray stated that the County audit was more in-depth and required much more work than before. Mr. Wooten stated that was correct because of GASB 34 and moving the accounting method from governmental to a proprietary basis. Mr. Ray made a motion to engage Botsch and Associates to perform the 2005 audit for White County in the amount of \$23,000.00. Motion seconded by Mitchell. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider the annual contribution of \$100.00 to the Route One Association. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to contribute \$100.00 to the Route One Association, seconded by Trout. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider the reappointment of Gerald York to a four-year term on the 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System Board. Chairman Wooten stated that Mr. York has been on the 9-1-1 Board since it's inception and he would recommend the appointment. Mr. Nelson made a motion to reappoint Gerald York to a four-year term on the Emergency Telephone System Board. Motion seconded by Mitchell. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item was to add an addendum to the County Highway Department contract, allowing those employees to participate in the Laborer's pension plan at no cost to the County. Mr. Trout made a motion to approve the addendum, seconded by Mitchell. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the Board of Review met last Tuesday and took formal action to recess their meetings until such time as their work has been completed. Chairman Wooten stated that the Board of Review must recess their meeting if their work is not complete on or before September 7<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Wooten stated that there was some property to be viewed and the books were not complete at this time. Chairman Wooten explained that it was also necessary for the Board of Review to receive approval from the County Board. Mr. Ray made a motion to approve the recessing of the Board of Review, seconded by Nelson. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Trout made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and contract negotiations between the Treasurer, State's Attorney's Office, County Clerk's Office and Circuit Clerk's Office employees and Labor Local 1197. Motion seconded by Mitchell. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Nelson. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next Board meeting would be held on October 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom. Chairman Wooten stated that this meeting would have to be recessed until November 8<sup>th</sup> so that the Board could take action on the budget and tax levies.

Mr. Nelson made a motion to recess the September 13, 2005 Board meeting until November 8, 2005, seconded by Mitchell. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.